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1. SUMMARY. US REP OXMAN AND AMBASSADOR CISSE, HEAD OF SENEGAL LOS DELEGATION AND CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 77 WORKING GROUP IN COMMITTEE II, DISCUSSED SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE, FORMALIZATION OF TEXT AND RELATED COMMITTEE I PROBLEMS, HIGH SEAS STATUS OF ECONOMIC ZONE, AND TUNA. END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND SESSION. CISSEE SAID THE AFRICANS WERE TALKING IN TERMS OF SEVEN WEEKS THIS SUMMER, AND MIGHT PREFER NEW YORK TO GENEVA. HE SAID THAT IF THE CONVENTION WAS GOING TO BE SIGNED EARLY NEXT YEAR IN CARACAS, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AT THE SECOND SESSION, WHICH IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EASIER IN NEW YORK. MOREOVER, AFRICAN COASTAL STATES

HAD WORKED HARD TO EDUCATE LANDLOCKED PERSONNEL HERE ON THE POTENTIAL FOR A COMPROMISE, AND WERE AFRAID THAT THERE WOULD BE DIFFERENT LANDLOCKED PERSONNEL IF MEETINGS HELD IN GENEVA.

3. FORMALIZATION OF TEXT. CISSE SAID HE SUPPORTED THE FORMALIZATION OF TEXTS AT THE END OF THIS SESSION, SO AS TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO TAMPER WITH THE PACKAGE. WHEN OXMAN POINTED OUT THE UNDESIRABILITY OF ENCOURAGING FORMAL AMENDMENTS, AND THE FACT THAT IT WOULD BE EASY TO TAMPER WITH THE TEXT IF THERE WAS VOTING ON AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEES RATHER THAN PLENARY, CISSE INDICATED ASSENT, PARTICULARLY ON THE POINT OF DEALING WITH AMENDMENTS IN PLENARY. OXMAN THEN RAISED THE PROBLEM OF COMMITTEE I: WHILE MUCH PROGRESS WAS MADE, IT WAS UNCLEARWHETHER A COMPLETE COMPROMISE PACKAGE COULD EMERGE AT THIS SESSION AND THEREFORE THERE WAS DIFFICULTY IN ENVISAGING THE SAME KIND OF FORMALIZED TEXT. CISSE SAID SOME AFRICANS HAD REACTED NEGATIVELY OVER THE WEEKEND TO NEW ENGO TEXTS, IN COMMITTEE I, FEELING HE HAD MADE TO MANY MAIN CONCESSIONS AT THIS TIME TO THE BIG POWERS. OXMAN EMPHASIZED THAT A GROUP OF 77 REJECTION OF THE NEW TEXTS - WHICH IN FACT STRETCH MATTERS VERY FAR FOR THE US AND WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON - COULD KILL THE CONFERENCE, AND ASKED CISSE TO TELL HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN COMMITTEE I NOT TO SUPPORT REJECTION OF THE TEXT IN THE 77. CISSE DESCRIBED HIS COMMITTEE I REPRESENTATIVE AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG MAN IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, AND THEN NOTED THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS IN COMMITTEE I WHICH RECOGNIZED THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED STATES COULD NOT TURN OVER THE WHOLE AREA TO UN VOTING MAJORITIES. HE SEEMED RESPONSIVE TO EXPLANATION THAT UNDER THE RESERVED AREA SYSTEM PROPOSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE SENEGAL MIGHT DO VERY WELL IN ATTRACTING SOME FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR THE RESERVED AREAS IF THEY WERE CAREFUL TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTERPRISE DOESN'T HAVE A MONOPOLY OVER THE RESERVED AREAS. CISSE BEMOANED THE FACT THAT MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE NOT NEGOTIATING IN COMMITTEE I ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL INTEREST, AND SAID HE WAS THINKING OF PROPOSING SOME SPECIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE I AT THE HEAD OF DELEGATION LEVEL ONCE COMMITTEE II COMPLETES ITS WORK IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

4. STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. CISSE WAS NOT RESPONSIVE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO OUT ARGUMENTS ON THE NECESSITY OF INSURING THE HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE, BUT SEEMED REASSURED WHEN WE POINTED OUT THAT THE US AMENDMENT

WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE DESIGNATED RIGHTS OF THE COASTAL STATES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE.

5. TUNA. CISSE QUICKLY GRANTED THAT THE US AND SENEGAL HAD PARALLEL INTERESTS IN TUNA, SINCE THEY ARE BOTH DISTANT-WATER FISHING STATES. WE NOTED THAT SENEGAL'S INTEREST AS A DISTANT-WATER TUNA FISHING NATION WERE NOT ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY THE EXISTING ARTICLE 53, AND THAT IF HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO TIE DOWN THE COMMITTEE II TEXT NOW, HE HAD BETTER TRY TO GET ARTICLE 53 CHANGED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL TUNA ORGANIZATIONS. CISSE PRESSED STRONGLY ON HIS POSITION IN THE EVENSEN GROUP THAT THE TREATY SHOULD SPECIFY THAT DECISIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRE A MAJORITY OF COASTAL STATES, AND NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR STEVENSON HAD AGREED WITH HIM IN THE EVENSEN GROUP. OXMAN REASSURED HIM THAT WE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE IDEA, THAT IT WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION IN WEST AFRICA ANYWAY, BUT NOTED THAT ECUADOR - IF THE ISSUE IS RAISED - WOULD WANT A VETO FOR EVERY COASTAL STATE, WHICH WAS NOT NECESSARILY GOOD FOR SENEGAL OFF WEST AFRICA OR ELSEWHERE.
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